

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 5, 2008

**Committee
Report No.** 08-108

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on June 30, 2008, makes reference to Contract No. G2541, between the County of Maui and the State Department of Public Safety, for the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) Workline Program.

Your Committee notes that the purpose of Contract No. G2541 is to provide a \$109,778 grant to the State to prepare convicted offenders to reintegrate into society by teaching discipline, work ethics, and work skills.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Assistant Budget Director, Office of the Mayor; the Director of Parks and Recreation; the Special Events/Grants Coordinator, Department of Parks and Recreation; the Park Maintenance Superintendent, Department of Parks and Recreation; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

Your Committee expressed concern that the MCCC Workline Program might supplant work assignments subject to collective bargaining. The Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the work performed under the MCCC Workline Program is not categorized as daily operations; therefore, no collective bargaining concerns have been raised by union representatives.

Your Committee questioned why the Department of Parks and Recreation has been designated as the manager of the MCCC Workline Program, considering that many County departments request the program's services. The Director informed your Committee that the Department has been involved in the MCCC Workline Program for 15 years.

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Your Committee questioned whether the Department of Parks and Recreation had requested the MCCC Workline Program to provide assistance to the shoreline fencing project located north of Kihei town adjacent to the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge. Your Committee expressed concern that the fence impedes public beach access. The Director responded that she would like the opportunity to investigate this matter and submit a written response.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the contract.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Contract No. G2541 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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